

## PRAIRIE FIRES.

### CHAPTER 122.

[S. B. 97.]

#### FIRE BREAKS AND PREVENTION OF FIRES.

AN ACT to Amend Sections 1663, 1664 and 1667 of the Revised Codes of the State of North Dakota of 1895, Relating to the Purchase of Tools and Appliances for Making Fire Breaks and for the Prevention of Prairie Fires, Prescribing the Duties of County Commissioners in Regard to the Prevention of Prairie Fires, Providing for the Appointment of Fire Wardens, Fixing Bonds and Prescribing the Duties Thereof, and Providing for the Levy of a Tax by the County Commissioners for the Prevention of Prairie Fires, Also for the Repeal of Sections 1665, 1666, 1670, 1671 and 1672 of said Revised Codes.

*Be it Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota:*

§ 1. AMENDMENT.] That sections 1663, 1664 and 1667 of the Revised Codes be amended and re-enacted to read as follows:

§ 1663. It shall be lawful for the county commissioners in any county in this state to provide from the fire break fund hereinafter provided for, such tools and appliances as may be necessary to aid and assist in making fire breaks to prevent the spread of prairie fires.

§ 1664. Whenever a petition signed by at least ten per centum of the qualified electors of any county in this state as determined by the vote for governor at the last preceding general election is presented to the board of county commissioners of any such county, such board of county commissioners shall at the time of levying other taxes, in each year, levy an amount, not exceeding five mills on the dollar upon all taxable property in the county for the purpose of making fire breaks in said county in each year, which sum shall constitute and be known as the fire break fund and said board of county commissioners shall from time to time divide the county into as many districts as may in its judgment be necessary and each district so formed shall be known and designated as fire district No. —, and said board of county commissioners may in their discretion appoint a suitable person, residing in each of said districts as fire warden thereof, who shall carry out all instructions of said board in said district in reference to the making of fire breaks and the prevention of the spread of prairie fires, which fire warden shall be paid such sum as may be fixed by said board, not exceeding three dollars per day for each day actually employed in the discharge of his

duties. Such fire warden shall take and subscribe the official oath and shall file a bond in the sum of five hundred dollars with at least two good and sufficient sureties to be approved by the said board, conditioned for the faithful discharge of the duties of such fire warden. All fire breaks made under the provisions hereof shall be made in each year at as early a date as possible with a view to the most efficient protection of property from prairie fires.

§ 1667. The county commissioners may use their discretion and take advantage of any creek, river or other natural or artificial barrier to prairie fires and of broken or plowed fields and may in their judgment map out each of said fire districts in any form so that when the fire guards are made under their instructions as hereinbefore provided for, a prairie fire may be confined to the smallest possible area consistent with the amount of funds available.

§ 2. REPEAL.] All acts and parts of acts in conflict with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed, more especially sections 1665, 1666, 1670, 1671 and 1672 of the Revised Codes of 1895.

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## PUBLIC PRINTING.

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### CHAPTER 123.

[H. B. 75.]

#### RELATING TO REVISED CODES.

AN ACT to Amend Chapter 114, Session Laws of 1897, Entitled "An Act to Amend Section 76 of the Revised Codes of North Dakota, Relating to Accounts for Printing and Binding Required by State Officers and Making an Annual Appropriation Therefor." Authorizing the Revision of the Revised Codes of 1895 and the Publication of an Edition to be Known as the "Revised Codes of 1899."

*Be it Enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the State of North Dakota:*

§ 1. AMENDMENT.] Chapter 114, Session Laws of 1897, is hereby amended to read as follows:

§ 76. PRINTING ACCOUNTS TO BE APPROVED, APPROPRIATION FOR.] All accounts for printing and binding required by the governor and other state officials, and for such printing and binding as may be authorized by the legislative assembly shall be certified to according to law, and when such accounts shall have been approved in writing by the secretary of state, whose duty it shall be to keep a record of and carefully examine all printing so authorized; the state auditor shall draw his warrant on the state treasurer for such sums as may be found due, and there is hereby appropriated out of